

MEETING MINUTES  
OFFENDER REGISTRATION WORKING GROUP

DATE: March 30, 2010

TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Saline County Sheriff's Office

Attendance:

Sgt. Al Deathe – Douglas County SO

Deputy Keomi Johnson – Sedgwick County SO

Judge David Ricke – Butler CO District Court

Melissa Purkeypile – 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Maggie Hagarhian – KDOC

Rick Rinehart – Wyandotte CO SO

Lt. Col. Bob Gunja – Wyandotte CO SO

Chris Reece – JJA

Talia LaBouchardiere – JJA

Michael Oliver – SG CO SO

Jacob A. Westfall – HV CO SO

Sheila Wacker – JO CO SO

Gary Borstelman – JO CO SO

Leslie Huss – SRS

Vivien Olsen – PBPN

Tonda McGrath – 28<sup>th</sup> Dist Community Corrections

Jessica Hall – Saline CO SO

Michelle McMillin – SA CO SO

Alyssa LeClair – SA CO SO

John D. Merchant – BR CO SO

Randy E. Linck – BR CO SO

Wesley S. Vaughn – RN CO SO

Erik Wood – KBI

Nicole Musquiz – KBI

Donna Sheldon – KBI

## Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Erik Wood called the meeting to order and introduced himself as the Section Chief of PSAll and KBI Offender Registration Unit (ORU). The remaining attendees introduced themselves.
2. Erik provided a briefing of the last Working Group Meeting. Copies of the ORWG meeting agenda were provided.
3. Grant information was the first topic of discussion. The State applied for 300 thousand dollars in grant funds. The funds would provide assistance with the Database updates. Funds will be specified in September 2010. The updates would assist us in becoming Adam Walsh compliant. Some of the mentioned updates would consist of thumbnail photos, entry space for boats, airplanes and multiple address information along with the ability to provide electronic submissions. Applications for DOJ grants will be accepted until March 2011. The grant amount is triple the amount that it has been in prior years.
4. Legislation was the next topic of discussion. Jessica's Law will bring additional reinforcement to Attempted, Conspiracy and Solicitation offense registration requirements.
5. Level 9 Fail to Register was declined in the legislative session.
6. Prostitution Statute #353 – Regardless of age – may pass.
7. Eves dropping bill died in the legislative session.
8. The SMART Office will not pull grant funding as long as we are trying to become Adam Walsh compliant. Currently there is 1 State, Ohio, and 2 tribes, Confederate Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation and Confederate Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, are Adam Walsh compliant. In all probability the guidelines to become compliant will be re-written. A concern was stated as to why would we try to become compliant if the guidelines are going to be re-written? It was stated that we could start writing the guidelines and continue to share our updates and changes.

9. The Legislative Session doesn't like Violent, Drug and Sex offenders being combined together and would like to see some separation. If the offense type were separated this may allow for changes to occur within each grouping or category.
10. The Attorney General plans to implement the training of attorneys on statutes and registration requirements especially for juvenile offenses.
11. In the 2010 legislative session the amending of the law to allow consideration of an offender's criminal history at the time of sentencing did not pass.
12. Concerns were stated as to whether an offender who fails to register should receive strict consequences. Erik stated that tracking purposes are the primary goal of the Offender Registration Unit not punishment. Wouldn't we rather know where an offender resides, works, vehicle information etc.,?
13. According to State statute KDOR will need to eliminate the 'REGISTERED OFFENDER' marking on the top of the KS DL and ID's. The KS Dept. of Revenue will change all DL and ID's to reflect a distinguishing number for registered offenders with the possibility of differentiating sex, drug and violent offenders. The process will potentially begin in October 2010 with KDOR being trained 1<sup>st</sup> and then other agencies will be trained as needed. KDOR and the KBI will work together to resolve the match/no match errors such as alias for DL purposes.
14. The Offender Registration Unit is currently short staffed and due to budget issues there is currently a hiring freeze in place. N-CHIP funds have not been granted yet. If the funds are not granted we may lose additional positions.
15. Beginning April 1, 2010 the KBI will send a listing of offender's online identities to the social networking sites My Space, Tagged and Facebook. A number of questions were mentioned as to the outcome of an offender's use of the social networking sites. Erik stated that the social networking

sites are eager to assist. The Attorney General is looking at making a law requiring on line identities to be reported.

16. Due to current budget issues training opportunities taking place out of Topeka will be minimal however the KCJIS Portal will provide on line training material.

17. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> if an offender does not supply an address upon release a warrant can be issued. Please call the duty line to report offender release information.

18. AG's office will sponsor the June Symposium. There are plans to provide speeches for prosecutors and judges. The Symposium is a one day event. It is unknown if this will count for continuing education credit hours.

19. The KCJIS Conference is scheduled to take place this year and will be held in Hutchinson.

20. Southeast Kansas Sex Offender Sweep is scheduled to take place on May. The sting operation will choose some offender address and check to make sure they are still residing there as reported. Please send any offender information that you want to add to this sting operation. The AG is offering manpower to assist local agencies and the County Attorney's office. The administrative work will be completed by the KBI. This will ensure that the file is up to date and correct. This is for Sex Offenders only.

21. The SMART Symposium is scheduled to take place in Oregon State in May.

22. Al Deathe was elected as the new Chair Person. CONGRATULATIONS AL !!!!!

23. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2010 in Douglas County at 1:00 p.m.

24. Meeting adjourned at about 2:30 p.m.

